

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Meet Mrs Maunder, our newly appointed SENDCO:

"I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have joined the staff here at Acle St Edmund Primary School in the role of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO). During my twenty years as a class teacher, I have taught every year group in key stages 1 and 2. I have also led sensory classes for parents and babies for Surestart and tutored children who had been excluded from mainstream education. Throughout my career I have had a particular interest in special educational needs and have been a SENDCO for the last two years. Last year I studied for The National Award for SEN Coordination.

I am looking forward to working with the children and families here. I will be in school on Thursdays. If you would like to come and speak to me about your child's particular needs please speak to the school office who can book you an appointment. I can be contacted on the following email address: senco@acleprimary.norfolk.sch.uk

I will be available at the parents evening on Thursday evening next week, based in the IT suite, and would love to meet as many of you as possible. I shall also be seeking your views about our current SEN provision and any ideas that you have to make it even better. I look forward to meeting you in the near future."

Thanks to FOSA

We are very grateful to FOSA for agreeing to pay for new computer equipment in our IT suite. We will then have really up to date PCs and software to support all children with their learning and with the requirements of the IT curriculum.

Many thanks to all the FOSA team, past and present, who have organised so many successful events which have raised this money for our school and also to everyone who has supported those events.

School grounds improvements

Crocus Homes, who have been building the new homes in Springfield and will also be building further homes in Acle, have very kindly donated a sum of money to the school to enable us to make some improvements to the school grounds. We shall be improving the Reception outdoor area by creating a shelter for the mud kitchen / play area and we shall also upgrade our playtime storage shed so that we can make better use of equipment during playtimes and lunchtimes for all the children. We are very grateful to Crocus for their generosity; later this year, we will be taking a group of children around one of their building sites to find out more about what is involved when you build houses and other buildings.



Aldi Sports Stickers

Many thanks for all the stickers which have already been brought in to school. As you can see, the poster is now half full! Please keep bringing in the stickers so that we can send the poster away to get some school sports kit, as well as being in the draw for one of the twenty special prizes of £20,000!



ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is... **97.17%**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Next week's Harvest Festival will now take place in the school hall on Friday morning as there are some ongoing heating issues at St Edmund Church. Rev Martin Greenland will lead the service, which will have contributions from each class in the school. Please do remember to bring one suitable food item for the Gt Yarmouth Food bank on that day. We shall take 4 Year 6 pupils to the Food Bank on Monday next week to see it in operation.

Transition Day at Acle Academy

Our Year 6 pupils had their second transition day at Acle Academy on Tuesday, this time with a design technology focus.

Stanley: "My favourite activity was a design task - using art straws and five pieces of sellotape, we had to make a bridge and make sure that it was self-standing and secure, not falling over."

Logan: "We enjoyed working with pupils from other schools on a range of activities. We got to know children better by doing activities together."

Cicely: "We had to go into groups and then go to different classes round the school. In each class there were different activities to do. My favourite activity was cooking because we learnt how to use piping bags to decorate three cakes. One cake was a random decoration, of our own choice, the other was something about yourself and the final one was based on a British theme."

Payments for lunches/activities etc

Our preferred method for payments is online, using your own online banking system (please see the attached instructions for our bank details and the references to use). If you are unable to pay online and need to pay by cheque or cash, please can you place this in a named envelope with your child's name and what the payment is for written on the outside. You can recycle old envelopes for this purpose. We are receiving handfuls of cash in the mornings with no envelope, which makes it difficult to keep track of who has paid what for what purpose.

Cash and cheques for lunches must be received on a Monday morning, for that week's lunches, unless your child is unwell or a lunch is needed in an emergency. Online payments can be made at any time during the week. *Many thanks, Mrs Copsey.*

FOSA

Thank you for all your lovely donations from the non-uniform day which will be used to make the FOSA FAMILY BINGO hampers. Put it in your diary Saturday 9 November at Acle Recreation Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down at 7pm, children welcome.

On Thursday 10 October, Acle travelled to Blofield to play football and netball matches.

Football

There was a Year 5/6 team and a Year 4 team. The Year 5/6 team won 7-3. The goals were scored by Toby (1), Oscar (2) and William M (4), and there was some excellent defending from Joe and Stanley. It was a hard fought match but all of the team played really well to achieve the victory. Sam was particularly great in goal, making some excellent saves. The Year 4 team drew 4-4. This was another hard fought match with some super goals from Kale (2), Sonny (2) and Stanley (1), with some great play by Farley, George and Noah. We look forward to a return fixture soon!

Netball

This was an extremely close game. After some great passing and brilliant interceptions Olivia, for Acle, scored making the game 0-1. Shortly after Blofield levelled, making the score 1-1. The game continued until just before the end when Blofield scored again making the final result 2-1. An unlucky result but a great team performance by all involved (Olivia, Cicely, Rosie, Ava, Imogen, Genevieve, Lexi, Esme, Lily and Kady).



We are pleased to announce that Kellogg's has awarded our Breakfast Club £1,000 to enhance the club and help feed children in the morning.

We were selected to receive this boost as Kellogg's announce they are to double their investment in breakfast clubs in 2019 as more and more schools struggle to find the budget to fund this service for their pupils. Breakfast clubs help with everything from attendance and attainment to alleviating hunger and providing pre-school care. 68 per cent of teachers believe pupils would struggle to concentrate in class without their breakfast club, according to Kellogg's research.

These resources will help us to provide our breakfast club services for our children and their families thanks to the support from Kellogg's. Kellogg's has supported 3,000 school breakfast clubs with funds, food and training over the last 20 years – that's 70 million bowls of cereal to children all over the UK since 1998.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place next week, with the longer session on Monday and the shorter one on Thursday. Please do indicate your preference for appointment time on the sign up lists outside each classroom, if you have not already done so – this is a really important time in the school year for us to share with you the progress and achievements your child is making and to address any other issues you may have.

Mrs Maunder (SENDCO) will also be available on Thursday to meet parents of pupils, particularly of those who are on the SEN register. She will be based in the in the IT suite on Thursday, between 3.30 and 6 pm for any parent who wishes to have an informal chat. If you would like a more in depth individual appointment please do pop into the school office to let us know, otherwise do pop in to meet Mrs Maunder (and then a further meeting date can be arranged at a mutually convenient time).

Katie Lambert will be in the ICT suite Monday 3.30 – 5.30pm and Thursday 4-5.30pm with Usborne books on display.

We would also like to know if you would value any particular support or help in understanding any aspect of Maths teaching in school. Some question sheets will be available to complete in the IT suite.

School photograph orders

Please can all orders be returned by Monday 14 October. Any orders after this will need to be placed direct with Tempest. Thank you.

We shall be running some cross curricular themed science activities next week, based on the story of Hansel and Gretel. Each year group will be doing practical science based on the book; we will let you know more about how we got on next week!

NEW LUNCH MENU

There will be a new lunch menu when we return after half term, a copy is being sent with this newsletter and is also available on the school website. Why not screenshot it on your phone so it is always available!

Dates for your diary

October	
Mon 14	Defenders Club Parents evening (longer session)
Tue 15	Year 5/6 bell ringing workshop
Wed 16	Cross curricular science day
Thu 17	Parents evening (shorter session)
Fri 18	Harvest Festival (in school) - Normal school uniform day Break up for half term
Mon 28	Return to school

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